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Ms. Evelyn Abbasi
TS&S Trade Services
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**Re: Direction to Issue Partial Refund
to Public Service Company of Colorado
d.b.a. XCEL Energy
Letter of Credit Number SLT430758**

Dear Ms. Abbasi,

Our records indicate that on December 3, 2004, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("Trustee") established the above-referenced Letter of Credit on behalf of XCEL Energy in the amount of eight million, eight hundred thousand dollars (\$8,800,000). This amount was secured as financial assurance required by Order on Consent for Removal Action (CERCLA-08-2005-0003). Pursuant to Paragraph 84(a) of the Order on Consent, I am hereby directing the Trustee to release five million, eight hundred thousand dollars (\$5,800,000) of the amount secured by the above-named Letter of Credit.

The remaining three million dollars (\$3,000,000) shall be held by the Trustee until further direction is issued by this Office.

Upon release of such funds, please forward an amendment to the Letter of Credit stating the adjusted amount to the following address:

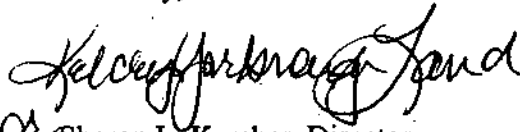
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If you have any questions concerning this letter, the most knowledgeable person of my staff is Daniela Golden who may be reached at (303) 312-6772. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Sharon L. Kercher, Director
Technical Enforcement Program

cc: Ms. J'anne Delaney
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